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Patrick C. Stephenson

## Big trucking deal

Ace Building Movers create their own no-passing lane as former UNO annex 23 travels west on Dodge Street. The building was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hunter of Omaha and will be used as a residential dwelling. The building was located in the northwest portion of campus, where construction will keep parking Lot W closed until late August.

## Programs benched, athletes consider options

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

UNO officials announced last week that effective immediately, the school will drop baseball, women's and men's track and field from its intercollegiate athletic program. The cuts will save \$112,000 in the budget.

The state legislature cut \$366,000. The balance will be made up by an increase in student fees and a tuition surcharge of 5 percent for the coming fiscal year.

UNO will keep football, volleyball, wrestling, softball and men's and women's cross country. Those sports are the minimum allowed for membership in the NCAA Division II and the North Central Conference (NCC).

The cost of baseball was approximately \$22,000 last year. The cuts of the track programs will save an additional \$34,000. Interim Athletic Director Bobby Thompson said the balance of savings will come from coaches' salaries.

The coaches affected are Bob Gates, baseball; Bob Condon, women's track; and Don Patton, men's track.

Thompson is waiting to speak to Richard Flynn, HPER director, who is out of town, before announcing the status of the three coaches. Thompson said he wants to see if the coaches can assume a greater academic work load so they might be retained by the university.

"We're not dealing with numbers any more," said Thompson. "We're dealing with people, and that's the sad part."

Gates said he was disappointed when he learned of the cuts but understood the school's position. "I'm a Mav," he said.

Patton was on vacation when the announcement was made. He said he was told that no sports would be eliminated but he declined further comment.

"It's very frustrating when you've worked

so hard to build up the program," said women's athletics coordinator Connie Claussen. "When you start cutting sports, you're going the wrong way."

The cuts affected 78 student athletes. Their scholarships will be honored, said Gary Anderson, UNO sports information director. He added that the athletes could also transfer and retain their eligibility.

Monday, All-NCC pitcher Mike Grandgenett signed a letter of intent with Creighton University. Grandgenett said Creighton coach Jim Hendry called him the day the program cuts were announced in the *World-Herald*.

"They gave me full tuition, fees and books," Grandgenett said. "I always thought Creighton had a good program."

Track team members were also upset but philosophical about the cut of their program.

"I knew we'd get cut," said Gerald Harder, a junior middle distance runner. "We're low on the totem pole. I didn't realize we'd get cut completely."

"It's bad that it happened," said Byron Murrell, a senior middle distance runner. "It's done. What are you going to do?"

"It's very disappointing. It hurts."

Murrell said he understands track is not a revenue sport and except for family and friends, track meets don't attract large crowds.

UNO assistant track coaches Don Peterson and Steve Jones and Patton were credited by the athletes for trying to find schools where the athletes could go. Harder said he plans to transfer. Paul Barnes, a sophomore All-American Division II high jumper has enrolled at UNL and will walk on the track program.

Murrell said he had been looking forward to his senior season. Harder, seniors Mike Mingo, Kelly Crawford, and Murrell were part of relay team that finished fourth at the Drake Relays.

"We lost by about a step and a half," Murrell said.

"Running is a way of life for us," Murrell said. "It's something we'll always do."

He said the cuts would have greater impact on members of a team sport. "All we need is a pair of shorts and a pair of shoes and we're gone," he said.

## UNO, Metro Tech strike deal for credit transfers

UNO and Metropolitan Community College have entered into an agreement for transferring course credits between the two institutions.

The agreement is intended to encourage cooperation and communication between the schools, to improve transfer student advisement and to make the acceptance of academic transfer credit easier, according to Chancellor Del Weber and J. Richard Gilliland, president of Metro.

"This agreement is a major component of four plan to establish cooperative arrangements with other area educational institutions," Gilliland said. "Ultimately, students and the taxpayers benefit from these joint ventures."

Credit evaluation profiles have been completed by UNO for Metro's academic transfer courses. Courses not included in the guides will be evaluated on an individual basis.

The dean of each UNO college will decide how transfer credits will apply toward UNO degree requirements. Only course credits earned with a grade of "C" or better will be

accepted for transfer. In keeping with current admission procedure for students from other two-year colleges, a maximum of 64 semester credit hours will be allowed for transfer from Metro to most UNO and undergraduate colleges.

Transfer students from Metro must also meet all standard admission requirements of the university and the individual colleges and programs. Metro students do not have to complete the Associate of Arts degree to enter UNO. Metro has 6,000 students and offers associate degrees and certificates in 57 programs. Both UNO and Metro are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

"UNO is pleased to participate in this articulation agreement for the benefit of transfer students," said Richard Hoover, vice chancellor for educational and student services, adding that Metro students will be able to plan their courses so that more credits could be transferred to UNO. "Counselors and advisors at both schools will have more complete information to assist students," Hoover said.



# Student President answers impeachment charges

Speaking from his office earlier this week, Student President/Regent Mike DeBolt addressed charges that he "has failed to uphold the position he was elected to" and that "the office of Student President/Regent has not been carried out."

The charges against DeBolt were voiced by Student Sen. John Spethman at the June 13 meeting of the Student Senate. During this meeting, the senator introduced a resolution which called for DeBolt's impeachment. The resolution was postponed until the senate's July meeting.

"I can sit in my office at six or seven o'clock at night and write out letters and memos, but if nobody sees me doing that, they'll say, 'I never see him, he must not be doing anything.' I think basically the problem lies in visibility," said DeBolt.

According to DeBolt, many duties of the student president/regent require countless hours in meetings which never receive public notice. It is in these meetings, he said, that he has best fulfilled his responsibilities as a student representative. He went on to say that it is his failure to completely fulfill the more "ceremonial" requirements of his position which the Student Senate has viewed negatively.

One of the more outspoken objections to DeBolt's performance relates to his failure to attend spring graduation. However,

the student president/regent said he was married on the same day as graduation and was unable to change plans which were set a year in advance. "I felt my priorities were straight for the day," he said.

Senate members have also objected to the student president/regent's failure to regularly attend Student Senate meetings. However, as DeBolt is quick to point out, nowhere in the student government bylaws does it specifically require him to do so. "I've tried to make as many as possible, as my job schedule would allow," he said.

A closely related complaint that has been recently aimed at DeBolt is that he is often "inaccessible." DeBolt responded to this claim by pointing to a door where his phone number was posted. "I've had my phone number posted since my term began and few people have ever utilized that number," he said.

DeBolt said he would rather have had student senators come to him and express their dissatisfaction before taking official action. He said he passed out job evaluation sheets to all the student representatives prior to the June 13 meeting. DeBolt said that only two of the senators bothered to respond to the evaluations.

"Communication is a two-way street," he said.



DeBolt

## Upwardly-mobile deans accept out of state positions

Two UNO administrators have announced plans to leave the university in pursuit of other career opportunities.

John Kerrigan, dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service, and Donald A. Myers, dean of the College of Education will both assume positions with out-of-state universities later this summer.

Kerrigan, who came to UNO in his present position in 1976, will become vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Houston — Downtown, effective July 15. While at UNO, the dean taught management, organizational theory and urban policy. His research

emphasis has been on government policy and management, international management and curriculum development.

"It will be hard to replace a person of his caliber, experience and energy," said Otto Bauer, UNO's vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Kerrigan said he has worked to bring UNO stability as "a very young college" and to "give it some maturity" during his nine years as dean. He also cited tenuring of young faculty and goal-setting of departmental programs as two of his foremost projects.

The College of Public Affairs and Community Service "grew both in size and in quality under

Dean Kerrigan," said Bauer.

Kerrigan received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Iowa and a bachelor's degree from Lorain College in Dubuque, Iowa. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Colorado, concentrating in public administration and urban affairs.

He was chairperson and associate professor in the division of public affairs and international development at the University of Oregon from 1970 to 1976, and was formerly an assistant director of the Bureau of Governmental Research and Service at the University of Colorado. While at UNO, he served as acting vice chancellor of academic affairs from August 1978 to July 1979.

Myers, who has been with UNO since 1979, will become dean of the College of Education

at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., this August. He said the UNO/Omaha Public Schools liaison committee for educational improvement and the adopt-a-school program were major focuses of his six-year stint at UNO.

"Dean Myers brought the College (of Education) through difficult times concerning the budget," said Bauer. "He maintained the quality of operation during these restraints, and the college will continue to be indebted to him."

Myers called UNO "a fine institution" but said that "it's time to move on."

Before coming to UNO, Myers headed the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Oklahoma State University. He was previously an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the State University of New York at Albany.

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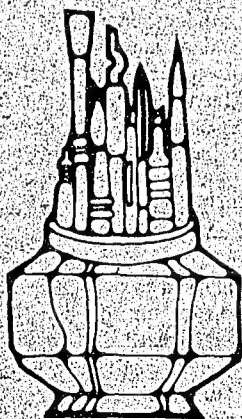
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# Committee to examine plans for on-campus child care

By SUSAN KUHLMANN

After years of studies, proposals and repeated delays, plans for a UNO child care center are once again moving forward.

This is a result of the Student Senate completing its \$50,000 investment fund for start-up costs, and the university's purchase of 12 properties on the west end of campus — two stumbling blocks that have held up progress on the project in the past.

The center was first proposed four years ago following a survey conducted by the Women's Resource Center that established the need for such a facility.

The UNO Student Senate, in its June 13 meeting, allocated funds for the final \$10,000 installment of its \$50,000 commitment. Of that amount, \$5,000 is to be taken from the 1984-85 contingency fund, and the remainder from the 1985-86 fund. This, according to Speaker Pete Adler, added to money earned from interest on certificates of deposit, brings the total to about \$52,300.

The senate's allotment for the center originally was to be spread out over a five-year period, ending in 1987. But, according to Adler, the process was "speeded up" to coincide with UNO's purchase of the west-end properties.

He said the senate feared if it waited until 1987, "the properties would all be committed" to other uses. He added the completion of both the funding and the final acquisition of land occurred within two weeks of one another.

The next step, Adler said, is for Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of education and student services, to appoint a committee to study various aspects of setting up a center. He said the committee would examine plans used by centers from other campuses.

Among the areas to be studied by the committee, Adler said, are what kind of format the center should have, the legalities

involved, and the possibility of having a franchise unit come in to participate in running the facility.

Other questions related to the center's operation that Adler said would have to be resolved are: Would it be feasible to keep it open at night, when only a few children would be using it? Should it be available only to students, or to faculty and staff as well? He pointed out that the latter would provide more of a steady clientele, and added, "Most parents would rather have their kids here."

Adler said Sens. Chris Blake and Jim Carter had been chosen to represent the senate on the committee.

The old Shirley property, south of the Alumni House, is the site chosen to house the center, according to Adler.

Hoover concurred that the Shirley property is "the primary one we're looking at." But, he said, "that is not a definite decision," adding the committee must first look into the property and its renovation needs, and then submit a recommendation to Chancellor Del Weber for approval.

Hoover said that both will also look into how the center is to be organized, the ages of the children to be served, and a timetable for implementation, including renovation.

Hoover said he is in the process of setting up that committee, but that he is having difficulty reaching people because of their summer hours. He said the committee will be composed of seven to nine members, with four or five of them students. The others, he said, would be members of the faculty or staff.

"I'm anxious for them to start," he said, adding he hoped the committee could meet soon after all the appointments were made.

Adler credited Student Government and the Women's Resource Center for keeping the child-care center project alive. He said the latter not only was responsible for reorganizing the

need for an on-campus facility, but has subsequently helped to maintain it as a top-priority project.

Adler said the center would provide a valuable service not only for female students, but also for males. He said divorced fathers, or men who return to school from the work force or the military (and whose wives are working) could all benefit from having a child care facility on campus.

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"I think we have a shot at it," Adler said. Because there will be no university funding, the money to support the center will have to come from rates or an increase in student fees.

Adler said he wasn't certain how students might react to a three or four dollar increase in student fees.

He said that the center would be funded "one way or the other." Adler said he thought it was reasonable to see it started up by summer or fall 1986.

Hoover declined to make any predictions about a date for the center's completion. Blaming past delays on property questions and a lack of funds, he said with those two problems solved plans should move forward.

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# Comment

## Two tree tales

Lot W, on the west side of campus, looks a little like a war zone right now.

The lot was closed on Monday, and by Tuesday, trees were uprooted, cut into pieces, and left to be taken away. According to a story in Tuesday evening's *World-Herald*, Ajon Farber, son of Miriam Farber who lived in a house purchased by the university until her death in 1983, said he "almost cried" when he saw what happened to the trees.

Yet, in today's *Gateway*, there is a story about the university's attempts to save a metasequoia tree growing in the path of the yet-to-be-built circulation road. According to the story, moving the tree will cost at least \$5,000 because it has to be dug out by hand.

Seems like a contradiction, doesn't it? UNO is spending \$5,000 to save one tree while, at the same time, spending several thousand dollars to cut other trees down.

Well, that's progress for you.

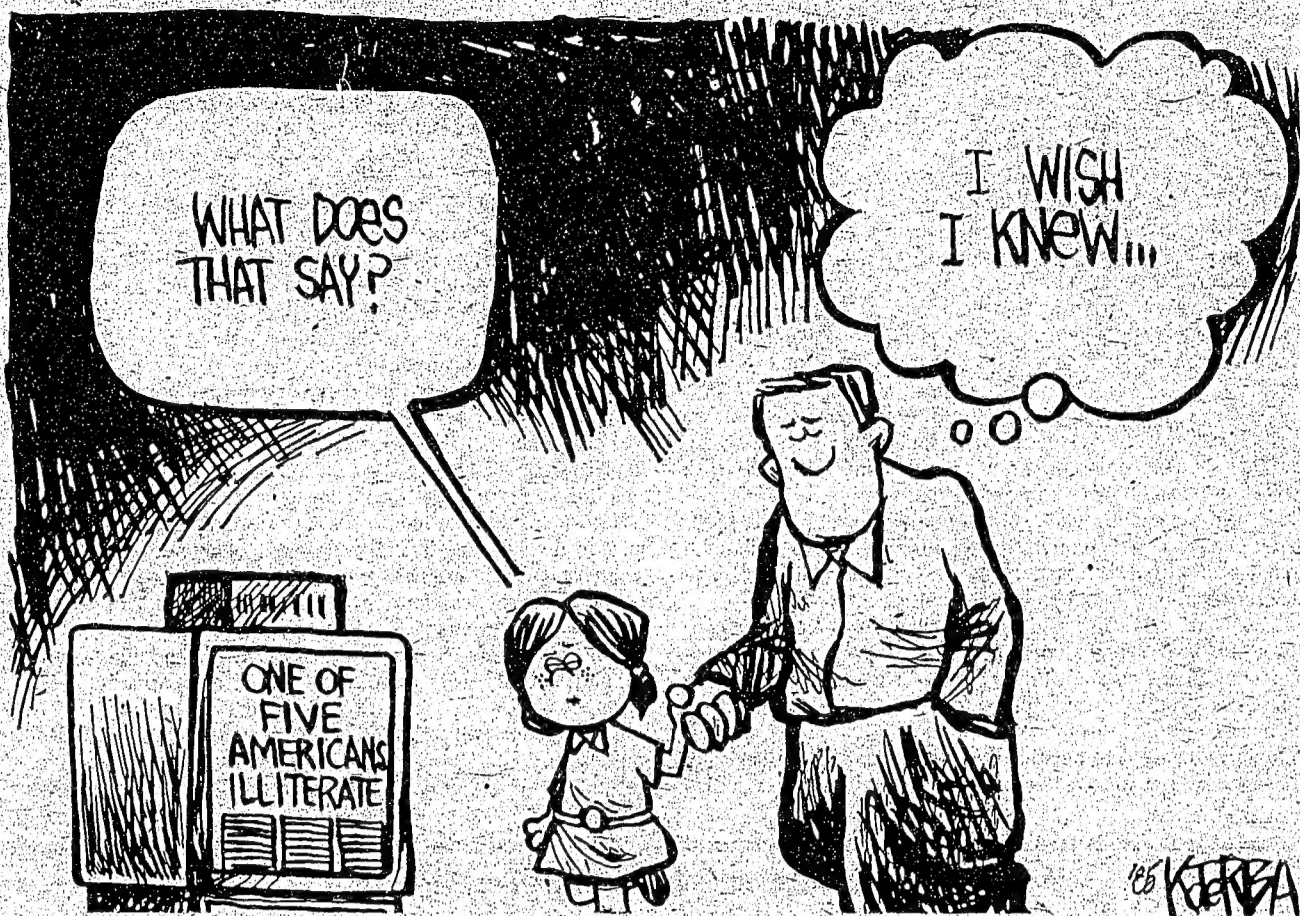
While I applaud UNO's efforts to save the metasequoia (it is, after all, a beautiful, unique tree), at the same time I regret the destruction of the maples and other trees on this end of campus. They may have been more common, but they were just as beautiful.

Lou Cartier, director of University Relations, may have been right when he told the *World-Herald* that "You can't save every growing thing that's in the way of a major development."

I can only hope that he and the university are equally as sincere in their pledge to save as many trees as possible.

A campus with blocks and blocks of cement parking lots and no trees otherwise may just as well be converted to a West Omaha industrial park.

—KAREN NELSON



## The Porch Swing by Kevin Cole

We spend a lot of time 'round here just sitting on this old porch swing and shooting the breeze. And why not? It's cheaper than cable TV, more entertaining than watching the winos beg quarters outside the California bar and an excellent way of librarying the old neighborhood stories for posterity.

Besides, swapping tales and the breeze are the only forms of human conversation I know of that the popping of beer can tops is a respectable accompaniment.

The other night, after talk of the neighborhood vamp, the price of package liquor, how to properly discipline a barking dog and the chances of the Cubs snapping out of their now-infamous June swoon had been exhausted, the conversation drifted to the upcoming Fourth of July.

Ah, the glorious fourth. There is no holiday that typifies an American summer as that revered day of independence. Poised in the first sweltering days following the summer solstice July 4 conjures memories of picnics, family gatherings, grilling out and, lest I forget, the fantasies of youth fireworks.

Fireworks. This time of year, young boys' minds are as alive with schemes to obtain ban-

gers, whizzers, double-poppers and streamers as a junkie trying to score some skag during the annual fall police crackdown.

"Hey, Billy, that dork Tim said you're going up to Sioux Falls with your folks this weekend, can you buy me some Black Cats?"

In the event that Billy wasn't helpful, or maybe that dork Tim didn't know what the heck he was talking about, there were other means of putting one's sweaty little fingers on some boomers with which to properly celebrate the birth of a nation.

If a kid were to ask around enough, keep his ears open around the older boys or followed the constant din of explosions and smell of gunpowder as it built to its inevitable crescendo in the days approaching the Fourth, he might find an enterprising gunpowder enthusiast willing to part with a portion of his coveted stock.

Then speaking in earnest tones, perhaps while walking down an alley to keep away from the circling but understanding police cruisers, the deal was laid out.

"Well, I normally wouldn't sell any because I usually just get enough for myself when we go down to Rock Port every year, but that dork Tim begged me to buy him some Zebras, and

pop-bottle rockets and then he said he didn't have the money, and his old lady wouldn't give him none."

A half string of Black Cats and a Silver Salute or two behind the old deserted Henderson house later, the proud fireworks salesman is laying out his cache of bangers, whizzers and streamers before the younger boy's widening eyes.

To the uninitiated it seems like there's enough ammunition there to fight a small war.

"Yeah," the seller crows. "Even my dad doesn't know how much I bought 'cause I had some money he didn't know about and snuck some in the back of our station wagon."

The array is dazzling, but so too are the prices. By some innate means, the clandestine sellers of illegal fireworks are acutely aware of the growing market demand as well as a boy's driving need to blow the hell out of something and soon this time of year.

With the sound of bangers and whizzers pushing the young lad, and the perfumed smell of sulphur luring him, the deal is struck.

"O.K., I'll take three packs of Zebras, a gross of pop-bottle rockets and three Silver sa-

"O.K., I'll take three packs of Zebras, a gross of pop-bottle rockets and three Silver Salutes."

Armed with a box of kitchen matches, or perhaps a Bic lighter-obtained some time ago for just such an important occasion, the happy buyer claims his order.

At first each scintillating explosion is savored, scrupulously planned and flawlessly executed. The model cars that once lined the boy's room are scattered in bits about a vacant lot. The neighborhood dogs and cats flee when they see him coming fat and sassy down the walk, his pockets bulging with enough power to blow the heck out of something and that dork Tim begs to light a rocket in the direction of his own house.

By the fifth of July, the fever has passed. A few bangs and whizzes are still heard as depleted firecracker stocks are milked for their all and sidewalks and driveways are littered with tattered remnants of Taiwanese paper.

Nothing is left to explode until the next fourth. Nothing, that is, but the happy memories of a bunch of former, feverish youths as they sit around this old porch and chuckle about that noisy rite of passage anxiously endured so many years ago.

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## Op Ed

## Only solution for terrorism: make terrorists of us all

In the wake of the latest hostage crisis in Lebanon, reasonable people are once again trying to understand terrorism's cause and nature in an attempt to curtail or prevent its bloody results.

Terrorism is a complicated subject. For the sake of clarity, let's establish some points and assume, for the moment, that they are "givens."

**Given:** Terrorists are those who use terror as a means of coercion.

**Given:** The stock-in-trade of terrorists — that which they practice violence against to inspire terror — is human life.

Three options present themselves for combating terrorism: 1. Kill terrorists. 2. Increase security. 3. Devalue the worth of human lives.

**Given:** The taking of human life for a terrorist is a means to an end. The value of human life for a terrorist lies solely in its ability to produce results when taken or threatened.

**Given:** There are terrorists who see their own deaths as inconsequential compared with the cause they practice terrorism to further, or who believe that death while terrorizing, (i.e., furthering their cause), is a form of martyrdom insuring instant reward in an after-life.

**Given:** It is virtually impossible to stop by threat of death those who see more value in the deaths of others and themselves than in their continued existence.

On the basis of these assumptions, three options present themselves for combating terrorism:

1. Kill all terrorists. While many terrorists have no fear of death, this would certainly remove the fear the rest of us have of terrorists.

Unfortunately, few terrorists are registered with an agency or carry any identification as such, making a thorough extermination difficult to document. Also, any really complete job would have to include killing anyone suspected of terrorism or likely to become a terrorist at a later date. As this would entail the destruction of entire countries, this option is clearly out if only for reasons of cost-effectiveness.

2. Make terrorism impossible through security measures. If terrorists can't be stopped by the threat of death, they might be stopped by making it impossible for them to approach large numbers of people with anything more deadly than a pocket-comb.

There are several problems with this option. Oddly enough, many terrorists look just like ordinary people. Without being able to identify an approaching terrorist, everyone in any large group of people would have to be searched for death-dealing devices. Anything anyone came in contact with anywhere there were large groups of people would have to be searched. Any route taken anywhere by any means by any large group of people would have to be searched and secured anytime it was traveled.

All this would clearly be impossible even with relatively small groups such as those using air and rail terminals, their environs and routes, let alone entire cities, which are the stalking grounds of urban terrorists. Again, if only for reasons of cost-effectiveness, option No. 2 is out. This leaves the last option.

There is only one problem with devaluing human life... convincing anyone with full possession of their human faculties that life is worthless, even under such circumstances.

3. Devalue the stock-in-trade of terrorists. As was mentioned before, terrorists deal in human life. It is with the threatened or actual taking of human life that terrorists barter for their demands. Most terrorists realize that human life is currently viewed by a large part of the world's inhabitants as the most valuable commodity around. This is why no really experienced terrorist occupies an empty embassy or hijacks an empty plane.

If this commodity, this coin of the terrorist realm, were suddenly to be of no value, terrorists would be out of business very quickly.

Of course, until terrorists were impressed with the fact that human life was of as little

inherent value to the objects of their coercion as it was to themselves, they would still take hostages and make demands. It would take several retaliations against terrorists without any regard for the lives of those they held hostage or threatened with death to get the point across, but they would catch on fairly quickly.

There is only one problem with this option. The problem is convincing anyone with full possession of their human faculties that human life is worthless, even under such extenuating circumstances.

One way around this obstacle might be to declare war on terrorism and enlist every living human as a combatant. In this way, hostages could be sacrificed in hopeless engagements or suicide missions with the justification of furthering the overall effort. There wouldn't even have to be a draft in the war on terrorism... people would enlist defacto every time they boarded a ship, plane or train, or entered a city.

All this may sound facetious, but consider: If the above "givens" are valid, and there is a good case for each of them, then the only effective way of dealing with terrorism under present conditions is to make terrorists of everyone, with the same disregard for human life that terrorists seem to have.

Of course, we of the large, rich countries who are taken hostage may be seen already by the terrorists of Lebanon, the Sikh provinces and other war-torn pawns of international power-politics as people who blatantly disregard the lives and rights of citizens in those embattled areas. Nothing is left for us but to show them differently or live up to their expectations.

—DAN PRESCHER

## With cuts, UNO athletics may be 'going, going... gone'

It is hard to imagine that on May 15 it never entered anyone's mind that the Nebraska Legislature would cut intercollegiate athletics. Yet, two weeks later, faced with the task of cutting \$15 million from the budget, the Appropriations Committee recommended that intercollegiate athletic budgets at the state colleges, UNO and UNL be cut in half.

By June 1, it became law.

Last week, UNO eliminated baseball and men's and women's track and field from next year's budget to compensate for the loss of \$366,500 in state revenue. The loss was nearly one-third of UNO's athletic budget.

But the prospects for the 1986-87 fiscal year are gloomier. Legislative leaders said the balance of intercollegiate money would be cut.

By eliminating the three spring sports, UNO saves \$112,000. The balance of the state cuts will be offset by student fees and a tuition surcharge this fall. But the surcharge ends with the 1985-86 fiscal year. As a result, UNO will have to come up with approximately \$200,000 for 1986-87.

And if the legislature makes good on its promise to cut the balance of state funding, then UNO will have to come up with \$500,000. And that's year after year after year.

UNO no can do.

Like the baseball announcer's description of a home run, intercollegiate athletics are going, going... gone.

If the legislature makes good on its promise to cut the balance of state funding for athletics, then UNO will have to come up with \$500,000. UNO no can do.

Bobby Thompson, UNO's acting athletic director, said the 1986-87 strategy is simple. Thompson said UNO will go to the state legislature to plead that the balance of state funding not be cut and to ask for a partial restoration of the 1985-86 cuts.

Yet, the conditions leading to the cuts still exist. The state treasury is running behind projected figures, said Waverly Sen. Jerome Warner, chairman of the Appropriations Committee. The projected balance for July 1 was believed to be \$39.8 million. There is likely to be an \$18 million deficit, he added. Warner said the legislature must account for about \$60 million for various projects before it can even look at a new budget.

One opponent of Warner, Lincoln Sen. Chris Beutler, said there were three major reasons for the long budget battle.

First, the last session was a bitter one that jumped from issue to issue. Second, there was almost an equal number of liberals and conservatives, giving no group a clear-cut majority. Finally,

Beutler said the legislature was inexperienced with the budget process.

In 1984, the legislature inherited a 20 percent income tax rate and cut it to 19 percent when the state treasury had a surplus. This year, as the projections resulted in shortfalls, the legislature, at the request of Gov. Kerrey, refused to raise taxes. It cut programs.

It is highly unlikely that intercollegiate activities can survive without a tax increase. In August, the governor will call for a special session of the legislature. Kerrey will set the agenda.

He could put further cuts on the agenda. Or, after praising the legislature in June for cutting the budget, will he reverse himself, recommend a tax increase and put that on the agenda?

UNO officials don't expect that. "There is a possibility of more cuts," Lou Cartier, director of University Relations said.

If there is not a tax increase in the special session, the Appropriations Committee will be called together in November to look at the 1986-87 state budget, Warner said. The committee will target programs for cuts and hold special public hearings before the legislature meets.

Even if there is a public outcry, there is no guarantee that the legislature would vote for a tax increase. It could take a chainsaw to the budget.

It could be the end of intercollegiate funding.

—POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

## Farmers, families, seek relief from 'emotional erosion'

Grinnell, Iowa — In one part of Poweshiek County, farmers can come to a center for help against soil erosion. In another, they can get relief from emotional erosion. Depression, stress and anxiety are the newest farm-country blights, strains on the mind and spirit that are showing up increasingly at the county mental health center in this rural community in central Iowa.

The staff psychologist, who has worked here for 15 years, reports that the mental health effects of the farm economy breakdown are beginning to be seen. "The problem is getting worse," he said the other morning shortly after the center opened. His assessment was necessarily a generalized one. The psychologist explains that because the center lacks funds for outreach services, the full breadth of emotional suffering felt by farm families can't be measured.

Then, too, there is what the psychologist calls "the resistance."

This is the accumulation of reluctance, stored as thick as summer sorghum in silos, that sees a visit to a psychologist or psychiatrist as a trauma of shame and weakness. Shrinks are what the flakes in California pay \$70 an hour

for, not the farmers of Stableville, U.S.A. Out here, so it's said, you cope by dealing in straight talk and sticking with the straight poop: you don't cry, you don't bend and you remain an individualist like your father was. He made it on sunrise-to-sunset hard work and teeth-gritting stamina. What's all this Freudian manure? Who needs the mental health center?

Wives and children, for a start. A recent poll of 212 Iowa State University students reported that 64 percent of them agreed with the statement that much of the academic stress is related to the farm economy crisis. Last January the university, aided by a new allocation of \$200,000 from the Iowa Legislature, established a statewide counseling program. In the first month, 1,000 farmers and family members were assisted.

In Rockford, Ill., an official of the cooperative extension service in Winnebago County fears that the psychological stress is hitting the older and retired farm families the hardest. They helped their children expand the farm to the point that it could support two families, older and younger. Loose money policies allowed for ample credit. "I have less concern for the young people," said the official, "especially if they got

mom and dad into indebtedness. The older people are hurting more. They are no longer a viable part of the job market. The younger people can be retrained."

Hotlines, crisis centers and social agencies are overloaded in many farm communities as financial strains lead to marital strains. Psychologists in places like Grinnell use the same language as their California colleagues — low self-esteem, meaninglessness, burnout. Primal scream therapy has yet to take over in Poweshiek County, but the wife of an Iowa congressman suggests that similarities exist between rural communities in her state and places like California, New York or Washington.

"Anywhere you live can be a minefield for the emotions," she says. "If a person stakes the essence of his life and happiness on success in his field, then he is in for hard times when the bottom falls out. You need to have an anchor other than material success. I've seen too much suffering because other things in a person's life — his family, his church — have been cultivated."

On the east edge of Grinnell, where the town's houses and shops unclot into an expanse of cornfields, a 78-year-old, white-bearded

farmer illustrates the beauty of cultivating more than the land. He is Grinnell Dunham, and few Iowans are as mentally — or physically — healthy. While showing a visitor and a group of students from nearby Grinnell College around his farm the other afternoon, Dunham spoke of the books he cherished reading, the pool games he shoots over on the campus with the city kids and, most especially, the love of his wife with whom he is now in the sixth decade of marriage. Dunham is as stable as the barn he built and as level as the land he sows.

Dunham understands that farmers have been victimized by policies beyond their control. His greatest admiration is for those who farmed out of a love of the land. They kept their operations small, paid for them, rarely used chemicals and knew how to give the earth a rest by planting alfalfa — which strengthens the soil — rather than money crops year after soil-depleting year.

If the younger farmers are hesitant about taking their stress and emotional problems to the town psychologist, a visit with Grinnell Dunham might be the kind of therapy they need.

—COLMAN MCCARTHY

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## Review

# 'Wiz' creates whimsical journey through land of Oz

A fantastic dream descends on the University Theatre through July 7 as The LaFern Williams Center Stage presents *The Wiz*.

Due to a talented and energetic cast, the black musical is fresh and vital, full of hope and laughter.

With a versatile set and imaginative costuming director, Bill Davis creates a whimsical journey through the Land of Oz.

The munchkins are delightful — youngsters who move across the stage on their knees with their hooped skirts bobbing and quivering like jello. In Emerald City everyone wears green glasses, and as they waltz gracefully the lighting shimmers off their green and silver gowns making them appear like figurines slowly turning on the top of a music box.

The Scarecrow dances as if he were really only hay. The Yellow Brick Road is indicated by construction workers in yellow jumpsuits and hardhats. The Wiz wears a magnificent sequined cape and shoots off fireworks.

Tiffany L. White as Dorothy can smile like nobody you've ever seen. She's a winsome Pollyanna who fits believably into the never-never world of fairy tales.

Legertha Harrington is a scream as Addaparle, The Good Witch of the North. She steals every scene she's in, whether the action is sup-

posed to be focused on her or not. Addaparle's magic is faulty, and she dresses like a cosmic bag-lady, but she talks cool and comes across real hot.

The Lion is adorable. Richard R. Williams plays the cowardly king of the beasts. He has a beautiful voice and is hilarious as the big old pussycat suffering from a mother fixation.

T. Allen Anderson handled the part of the Scarecrow with ease. His wisecracks and expressive eyes imparted a definite personality to the strawman with very human insights.

Anthony T. Davis in the part of the Tinman also demonstrated excellent dancing ability and a strong sense of earthiness. His interest in obtaining a heart seemed to have more to do with physicality than emotionality — he'd rather be a ladies' man than a tinman.

Duane D. Jenkins was extremely amusing as the pink-haired gatekeeper to Emerald city.

Of course, since *The Wiz* is really a con-artist, he is not supposed to be very impressive once his true persona is exposed. Still, Otis O. Goodwin did not possess the power called for in the character. He and Lesia Hunter (The Wicked Witch of the West) did not encompass the magnitude of their characters.

The *Wiz* and *The Wicked Witch of the West*



Dave Hämer

*Wiz* crew eases on down the road. From left are Scarecrow (T. Allen Anderson), Lion (Richard F. Williams), Tinman (Anthony T. Davis) and Dorothy (Tiffany L. White).

should not have been less impressive than Dorothy and her three companions. Unfortunately, Goodwin and Hunter were merely competent in their roles.

The band consisted of a trumpet, trombone, synthesizer, percussion, bass, guitar and piano. Initially, the band was disorganized and obviously confused the dancers. About half an

hour into the first act, however, the musicians melted into an ensemble and thereafter the music was very good.

*The Wiz* as presented by the Center Stage is probably the best theatrical production currently playing in Omaha. The show is exciting and colorful, the cast is extremely talented, and the message is uplifting.

—PATTI DALE

## Rare breed of tree will be transplanted with TLC

By STACEY WELLING

Colorful spray-painted lines spell doom for many trees on the west end of the UNO campus. Bulldozers, however, will steer clear of the metasequoia tree on the southeast corner of Annex 27.

The tree's closest natural ancestors in North America date back to 65 million year old fossils.

The metasequoia stands as one aspect of UNO's master landscaping plan, which began unfolding Monday when workers launched phase one of construction west of 66th Street.

According to Jim Veiga, director of custodial grounds and services, landscaping and preservation were considered a priority in the UNO building project. Veiga said that the metasequoia that now stands on the construction site for the new parking garage will be removed with "tender loving care," and transplanted to another area on campus.

He hopes to move it by early fall and is now looking for a location that is similar to the tree's protective environment at Annex 27. Jim Flott, grounds manager for facilities, management and planning, estimated a \$5,000 price tag for the project be-

cause it is too large to be removed with a tree spade, so it must be dug out of the ground by hand.

Biology professor David Sutherland said the metasequoia, which grows to a height of 100 feet, was extinct in North America. He said that the metasequoia descends from the redwood family. During the Cretaceous period of the fossil record, metasequoias covered the entire Northern Hemisphere while dinosaurs roamed the region.

Sutherland explained that today the only place in the world where the metasequoia grows in nature without human interference is in China. Otherwise, the tree requires cultivation.

"It's a very adaptable tree. It grows perfectly well in Omaha, Nebraska, but it's virtually extinct in nature," he said.

Last winter, Veiga, Flott, and Mike Jerina, landscape architect for Henningson, Durham, & Richardson, spent three months working on an ecological landscape design for the entire campus. Veiga said they were very selective about the 1,460 new trees that will be planted on campus and equally choosy in scheduling 450 other trees for removal.

Flott said the landscapers selected plants that are native to Nebraska's environment such as red oak trees and buffalo and

blue grasses, and "as we keep building up the landscape, the campus will have a number of unique trees that people usually don't see around here." A few of the oddities include: Japanese pagoda trees, chinkapin oaks, variegated maples, and flowering dogwoods.

Landscape architecture involves blending plant materials so that the buildings look as natural a part of the landscape as possible. Veiga said the various hardwood and ornamental trees will convey a forest-type setting for the whole campus.

Flott said a buffer of trees along Dodge Street will reduce noise and air pollution, block the strong northern winter winds, and hide "UNO's grand and glorious asphalt parking lots by making the environment more pleasing and relaxing."

Flott and Veiga are trying to make UNO a part of the Nebraska Arboretum Society that has 23 sites, including Elmwood Park. Flott said an arboretum is a museum that contains a large variety of plants within its boundaries and is a general breeding ground for rare and unique plant species.

Eventually the landscape and architectural design of the campus will mature together, but it won't happen overnight, Flott said. "Landscaping is done for the future. You plant a tree for the next generation."

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# Mavericks, Mustangs to share Caniglia Field corral

By CONI MELOCCARO

The UNO Mavericks won't be the only football team calling Caniglia Field its home this season.

The Omaha Mustangs semipro team, the newest member of the Northern States Football League, signed a \$12,000 contract with UNO for use of the field and police supervision. The Mustangs will play eight of their 12 games at Caniglia Field, with the home opener set for July 6 against Indianapolis. The season opener is tomorrow against the Capitol City Raiders at Des Moines, Iowa.

Mike Pride, the Mustangs general manager, said \$12,000 was an unfair amount for UNO to ask for use of the facilities.

"We are fighting a battle that has to do with the team that was here before," Pride said. "The only thing fair about it is the availability of the field."

"Mustangs" was the name used by Omaha's Northern States Football League team that

folded in 1978 because of financial problems. Pride said "Mustangs" was chosen as his team's nickname with hope that fans will identify with the name.

"You have to take the good with the bad," Pride said. "Using the name 'Mustangs' will cause problems but will also jolt a few memories."

Pride said it is important for the Mustangs to make a good first impression on the people of Omaha. "Our main objective is to play on a real field, not in a back alley or at Rosenblatt. We want people to see us as a real football team."

The home opener was scheduled to be played at the 3,000-seat Bellevue East High School Stadium but was moved to Caniglia Field because of its larger capacity.

"If we could get 5,000 to 7,000 spectators per game it would really be great," Pride said. "We'd love that, although 3,000 would be appreciated. If we get 3,000 we'll be here 10

years at least."

Pride said some people have told him that the Mustangs will take away from the UNO athletic program. "This is not true," he said.

UNO's own financial problems won't be solved by the \$12,000 fee, he said. "With the budget cuts, no contribution is gonna be enough to help the athletic program."

Pride was referring to the \$366,500 cut imposed on UNO's athletic program by the Nebraska Legislature.

The Mustangs are financed by five Omaha investors, the largest giving \$4,500 in support. In addition, Pride said he has received commitments from 30 local businesses to sponsor players at \$350 each, 20 sponsors short of his goal.

The team's head coach will be former Omaha Benson and University of Wyoming star Archie Gray. He will have four assistants — Mike Carter, Donald Taylor, Dave Howard and Cliff Stovall.

Gray, who was the last player cut by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1975, played in the Canadian Football League for Montreal and Winnipeg. Last year he tried out for the Michigan Panthers of the United States Football League.

Three former UNO players are on the team — Clarence Elliot, Doug Pennington and Mark Sanchez. Sanchez is the most recent player from UNO, leaving the Mavericks after the 1982 season and transferring to North Central Conference rival St. Cloud State.

Sanchez, a former Ralston High School athlete, is battling Steve Spurgeon for the top quarterback position.

Pride said a 20 percent discount will be given to all UNO students. As of last Tuesday, ticket prices for individual games have not been set.

Tickets will be available at Brandeis, the Boys Clubs of Omaha, Offutt Ticket Hut and Alpha Fitness Centers.

## Cave exploring, canoeing on HPER's summer slate

Even without the Thirsty Thursday Turtle Races, a variety of activities are planned at the HPER Building this summer.

The turtle races, a longtime Thursday night attraction in Elmwood Park, were discontinued this summer because of lack of funding, said Kelly Buettner, a HPER staff member.

Among the activities planned this summer is the Campus Recreation Learn to Swim Program. Beginner classes are open to children 5 years old and 42 inches tall. There are also advanced

beginner, and intermediate swimming courses being offered.

Two sessions are left this summer; July 9-19 and July 29-Aug. 9. The cost is \$12.50 per student and information is available at HPER Building, Room 100.

The Outdoor Venture Center will sponsor an Elkhorn River canoe trip Aug. 3. For \$30 everything will be provided but a sack lunch.

Mountain backpacking and whitewater river rafting trips will be offered July 7 at a film presentation at HPER, Room 102.

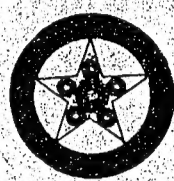
Cave exploring in Missouri is another activity planned by HPER. The cost is \$45 for the June 29-30 trip.

The UNL Outdoor Recreation program is offering a trip to Alaska that will include overnight hiking in Denali National Park and whitewater boating and trout fishing in Prince William Sound. The trip is set for July 12-Aug. 3 and the cost is \$1,472.

UNO's Outdoor Venture Center also rents camping equipment. Tents can be obtained for \$1.50 to \$5 per day. Canoes rent for \$7 a day, life jackets for 50 cents and lanterns, cook sets and coolers at varying rental fees.

Golf clubs, volleyball nets, horseshoes, frisbees and softball equipment can also be rented.

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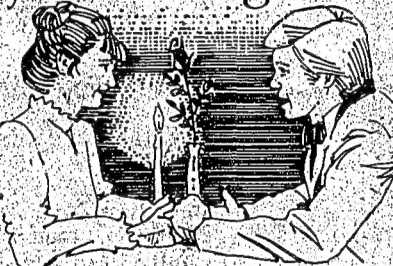


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# Closed due to construction

Lot W, on the west side of campus, is now closed for construction. Extra parking is available at Ak-Sar-Ben, 64th and Center Streets. A shuttle bus will run Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 11 a.m. Shuttle bus stops include Lot J (the crosswalk between the Library and the Engineering Building), the Student Center/Eppley Administration Building bus stop and 60th and Dodge Streets. The last shuttle bus of the day leaves UNO at 11 a.m.

## Rah, rah, rah!

A cheerleading clinic will be held tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UNO Fieldhouse. The clinic is open to all girls between the ages of 5 and 16. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per student. All participants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

## Tiny dancers

Students in the dance and rhythmic activities classes will give a demonstration program for parents and friends Wednesday, July 3, in the HPER Building Dance Laboratory. The demonstration, which starts at 7 p.m., will feature children from preschool (age 4) and grades kindergarten through sixth. For more information, call Vera Lundahl, 554-2670.

## Printed matter

An exhibit of typography, illustration and other examples of the printers' art are on display at the UNO Art Gallery, 133 South Elmwood Road. The exhibit includes original art and draft sketches from *Fine Print*, a book-arts review publication.

Other works include Abattoir Editions books from 1973-1985. Abattoir Editions books are printed on campus by Harry Duncan, a nationally recognized printer and an UNO faculty member.

Works by Neil Shaver of Council Bluffs' Yellow Barn Press complete the exhibit.

The Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Grad students

Graduate students wishing to graduate Aug. 17 must apply for their degree by July 5 in the Registrar's Office, Eppley Administration Building. To make sure all needed materials are on file, call the Graduate Office, 554-2341.

The application deadline for the Fall 1985 Graduate Regents tuition waiver is July 8. Applications are available in the Graduate Office, Eppley Administration Building, Room 204.

Graduate assistant positions are available. Carla Lewton of

the Graduate Office has one position open. Monday is the application deadline. Sign up with her in the Eppley Administration Building, Room 204. Tom Thompson of the history department has history graduate assistant positions available; call 554-2584 to apply before July 19. UNO is an equal opportunity employer — minority, female and handicapped applicants are invited to apply.


## Celebrate summer art

The 11th annual Summer Arts Festival starts today and continues through Sunday. The festival, held in and around the Omaha-Douglas County Civic Center and the Hall of Justice, covers 17th to 19th Streets from Farnam to Harney Streets.

Local and regional artists and craftworkers will exhibit and sell their paintings, drawings, pottery, jewelry, woodwork, stained glass and photography. Local and regional performers will entertain festival-goers all weekend.

The New Cinema Cooperative will present a festival of short films in the Civic Center, and the Children's Museum provides special activities for kids. KVNO, UNO's public radio station, will broadcast live from the festival.

Hours for the Summer Arts Festival are noon until 9 p.m. today and tomorrow and noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.




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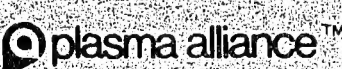
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